

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-4 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant appreciates that claims 1-6 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C § 112, 2nd paragraph. Accordingly, claims 1-4 have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph. Thus, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract due to informalities. Applicant submits that the Abstract has been amended to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

With regard to claim 1, Applicant has taken into consideration the Examiner's remarks and have amended claim 1 to obviate the rejection. Namely, claim 1 recites that the needle selecting apparatus includes "selecting jacks" and "selectors". With regard to the term "non-operative position", one skilled in the art would recognize that 'non-operative' may be interpreted that the initial position of the selected jack is in an "off" position.

With regard to claims 2 and 3, Applicant has removed the objected to phrase, and thus rendering the rejections moot.

With regard to claim 4, Applicant has amended claim 4 to obviate the rejection. Support for the amended language may be found in page 32, lines 1-7 and Fig. 10(b) in the instant application.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

As there are no prior art rejection, and all of the rejections under 35 U.S.C § 112, 2nd paragraph has been obviated by this Amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant earnestly solicits reconsideration and allowance of all of the pending claims.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply to the Office Action and submit the required \$120.00 extension fee herewith.

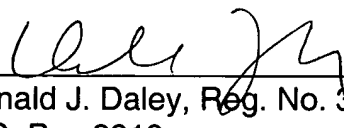
Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact **David J. Cho, Reg. No. 48,078** at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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